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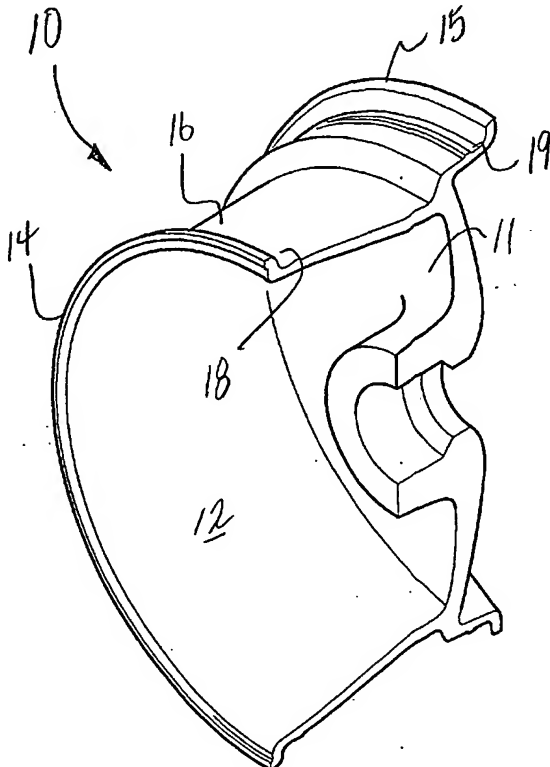
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(54) Title: METHOD IS FOR MARKING A VEHICLE WHEEL FOR SUBSEQUENT IDENTIFICATION AND TRACKING



(57) Abstract: A method is provided for marking a vehicle wheel for subsequent identification. The method includes the steps of forming a wheel shape, and marking the wheel shape with a first ID mark. The wheel shape is then machined in regions including that of the first ID mark to create a finished wheel. The finished wheel is then marked with a second ID mark.

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